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CYPERUS ACUMINATUS **SHORT-POINTED FLATSEGE**

Sharp-pointed Flatsedge is a grass-like annual with tufts of stems that are 5-20 cm tall. The few leaves occur near the base of the plant and are 1-2 mm wide. The inflorescence is subtended by 3-4 long, leaf-like bracts. Each flower consists only of a small, pointed, 2 mm long scale, that subtends a single stamen and ovary. Flowers are crowded opposite each other into flattened spikelets that are 3-7 mm long. The spikelets occur in globose clusters and are borne on very short to long stalks. The seed is triangular in cross-section. Fruit mature in August-September.

CYPERUS ACUMINATUS may be distinguished from other annual members of the genus by its globose heads, solitary stamen, and short-pointed rather than long flower bracts, that have only 3 veins.